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1. UNDER HEADLINE, "U.S. PRESIDENT FORD IN EUROPE," SEMI-OFFICIAL "WIENER ZEITUNG" JULY 27 FRONTPAGED WIRE SERVICE REPORT ON SCHEDULE, DEPARTURE STATEMENT. SHORTER ARTICLE FRONTPAGED BY SOCIALIST "ARBEITER-ZEITUNG" WHILE MASS-CIRCULATION "KRONEN"ZEITUNG" PAGE 3 CALLED ATTENTION TO MEETING WITH GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND STRESSED PRESIDENT'S EXPLANATION THAT U.S. SIGNATURE OF CSCE DOCUMENT IN NO WAY SETTLES BORDERS IN EASTERN EUROPE. BONN CORRESPONDENT OF OTHER MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY, "KURIER," POINTED TO SCHMIDT'S EFFORTS COORDINATE WESTERN ANTI-RECESSION MEASURES.

2. EDITORIALY, "ARBITER-ZEITUNG" WOUNDERED WHAT CONCES-
SIONS SOVIETS MADE TO GET CSCE DOCUMENT: " WE CANNOT HELP
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HARBORING UNPLEASANT SUSPICION THAT, IN EXCHANGE FOR HEL-

SINKI GOLD COIN, MOSCOW INTENDS TO GIVE ONLY SMALL CHANGE AND WILL CONTINUE RESTRICT ITSELF TO POMOUS GESTURES SUCH AS SHAKE-HANDS IN SPACE...FORD, HOWEVER, HAS MADE CLEAR HE WANTS BREZHNEV MAKE SALT II CONCESSIONS RIGHT AWAY BEFORE INK ON CSCE DOCUMENT BECOMES DRY...IN FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, WEST MUST KEEP POINTING OUT THAT INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE OF MOSCOW WILL SUBSTANTIATE ARGUMENTS OF COLD WARRIORS WHO SAY: 'YOU CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH MOSCOW'...THUS, SUCH DIFFERENT PERSONS AS MAO TSE-TUNG, SOLZHENITSYN, ENVERT HOXHA, FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS WILL HAVE BEEN RIGHT, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO THEM."

3. AUSTRIAN RAIDO NEWSCASTS THIS MORNING COVERED PRESIDENT'S BONN ARRIVAL, BUT EVEN MORE ATTENTION PAID TO PORTUGAL DEVELOPMENTS. SPECIAL RADIO REPORT FROM WASHINGTON YESTERDAY NOON EMPHASIZED DEMOCRATIC, CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN, EAST COAST PRESS CRITICISM OF FORD BECAUSE OF CSCE. SAME ASPECT ALSO UNDERLINED BY TV LAST NIGHT, BUT BOTH ELECTRONIC MEDIA TOOK NOTE OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CSCE DOES NOT PRECLUDE EUROPEAN BORDER CHANGES BY PEACEFUL MEANS. GARNETT

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